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To: Department of Justice District Court Judge in Charge of the Microsoft Antitrust case

Dear Honorable Sir:

I am writing to express my support for Microsoft in the ongoing antitrust case that has been filed against the company.

Microsoft is a company that created a user-friendly and user-empowering operating system that took the computer out of the hands of the sophisticated few and into the hands of everyone - in schools, in factories, in art, in business. That it has become the dominant operating system and beat its competition by the merits and virtues of the software is the American Way. It's the reason why I chose to live in this country and not in one where arbitrary favors, race, and a patriarch mentality dominate the culture and government. It is un-American to punish a company for doing good and doing it fairly in an open marketplace. (As an aside, I find it of no little coincidence that the biggest complaints about Microsoft are coming from those who wish to take Microsoft's place. The major difference is that they want to do this dishonestly: by forcing Microsoft to go down using a government decree, instead of letting consumers decide.)

Neither I nor my family work for Microsoft. However, I do know that if it were not for Microsoft products I would not be able to function as I do in life, both personally and professionally. I work for a small company which depends on Microsoft products. We freely chose their platform because it is the most user-friendly and powerful for our needs. I resent the fact that the government is telling me - or any one of its citizens, for that matter - what I can or cannot use. And I do not stand by idly letting the government force me to choose one way or the other.

The proper function of government is to protect the right of its citizens and entities to keep the products of labor and creative work, not to subject human rights to arbitrary whim. I expect the United States government to do just that, by protecting Microsoft's right to exist.

Sincerely,
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